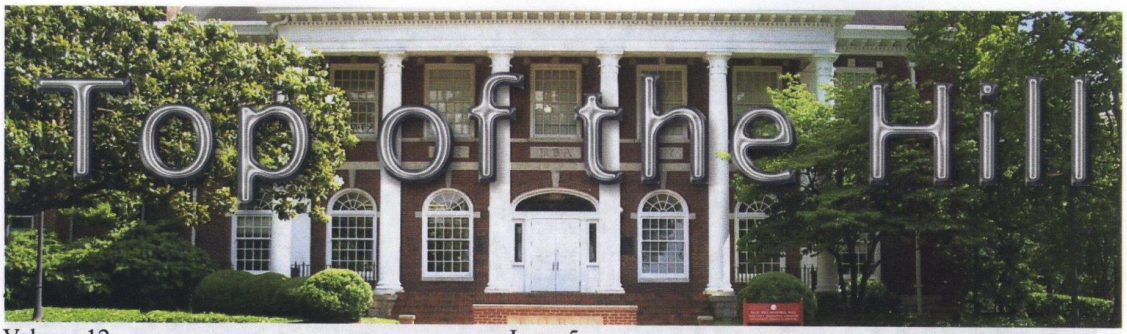

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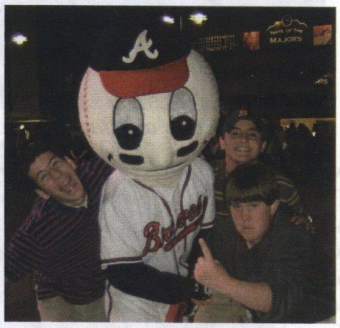

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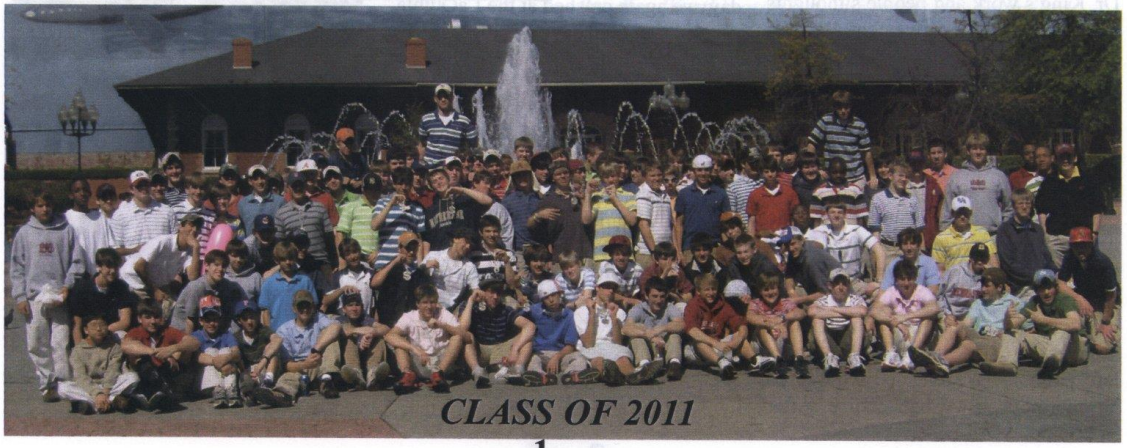

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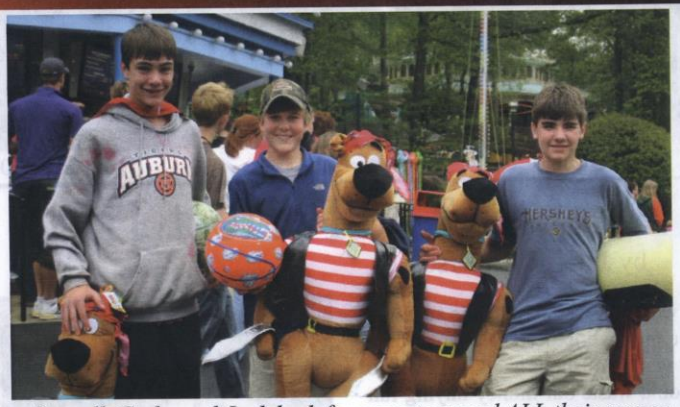


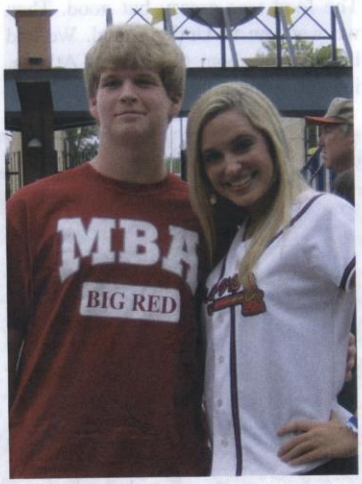
Russell, Cody, and Jack look for ways to spend ALL their money.

winning the game. After a dinner of Mr. Thurmond's fabulous hamburgers, we headed over to ESPNZone. The drinks were unlimited, and we spent hours playing video games. Finally, the night concluded with all of us even more tired than when we had arrived. We reached the LaQuinta Inn, got our rooms, and crashed.

The next morning, we awoke early, ate quickly, and grabbed our paintball clothes. We started off by going to the MLK museum, where we waited outside, causing havoc until the doors opened. We watched a video about Dr. King's work and people's thoughts on the Civil Rights Movement. We then headed off to Paintball Atlanta. As we changed, Mr. Thurmond again fired up his grill. After another fantastic lunch, we got our guns and masks. The refs and people at Paintball Atlanta gave us a briefing about safety and how to work our guns. We then proceeded to large field, where we were divided into two teams. This raging battle ended with the red and blue team winning. Although it was "capture the flag" paintball, it seemed more like "shoot until no one is left" paintball. We reloaded and went to an enormous woodsball course. After this thirty-minute war, we took another short break to reload and refill on air, then split up into four teams to play some more traditional paintball. There were many courses, including hyperball, lego, and a dirt mound course. After another series of games, we went back to the hotel to shower and change. We then proceeded to Turner Field to watch the Braves play the Marlins. After the game started, most of us just got up and walked around, ate food, or played the games they had. Unfortunately, the Braves got thumped pretty badly by the Marlins. After another long and fun day, we again crashed at the LaQuinta.

Our final day: SIX FLAGS! We packed all of our bags and got back on the bus. Thankfully, the predicted rain held off until late afternoon. We were among the first to arrive at Six Flags, which meant nearly no lines at the rides. Most of us took advantage of this amazing situation and rode the roller coasters first and then wasted our final dollars on games. When it was time to go, we sprinted back to the buses and headed back to Nashville. The Atlanta trip was a great way to celebrate our Junior School years.

Andrei supports Jimmy, who supports lacrosse.



Eddie is a cheerleader magnet.

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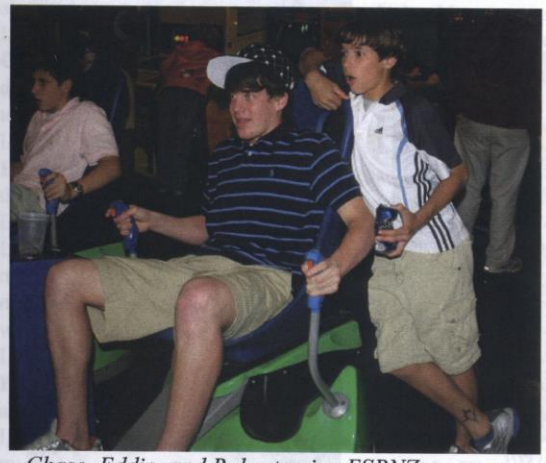
Hey, guys! There's a lacrosse game going on!

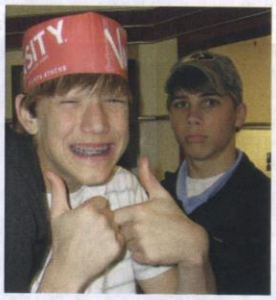
The Cooper-Woolsey paintball strategy: stay behind the fortress!



Chase, Eddie, and Robert enjoy ESPNZone.

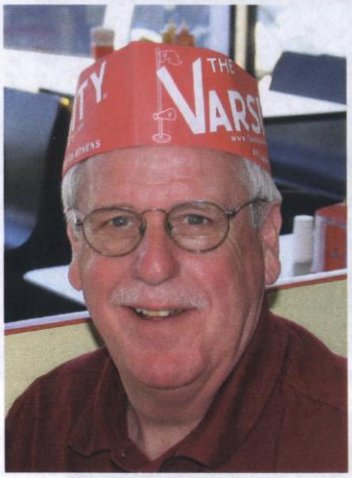
Bradley Worthington gets the worst-wound award.

De'Ante, what are you doing?

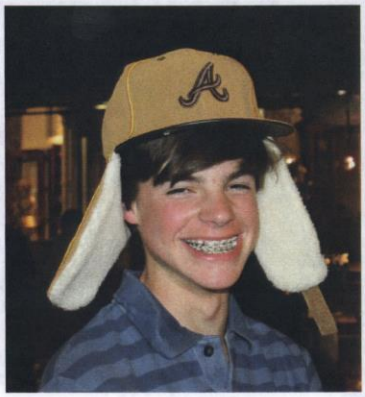


Clay Adams really chowed down on the greasy food at the Varsity.

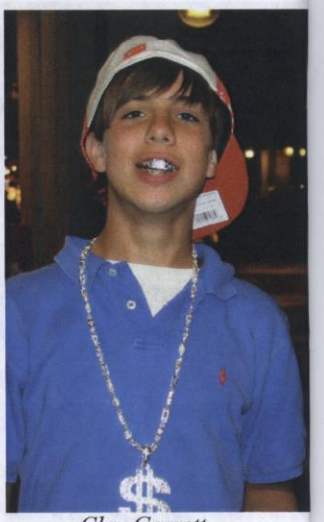
HATS AND BLING



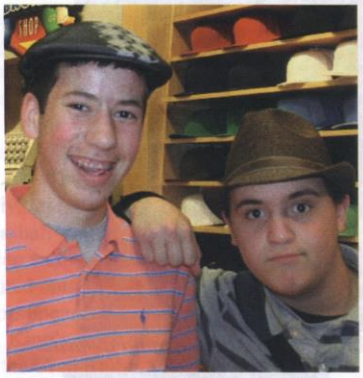
Coach Woolsey



Harrison Mathews



Clay Garrett



Will Granbery and Andrew Wright

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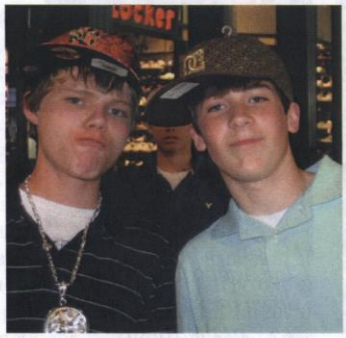
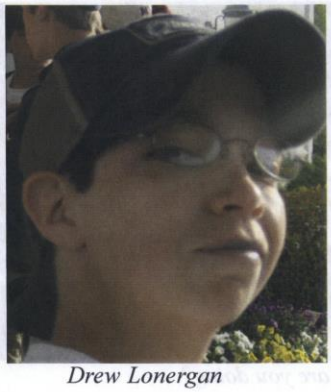


Alex Blanton and Scott Gould



Drew Lonergan

Patrick Duffey

Last Will and Testament

I, **John Hughart**, leave to **Ford Saunders** my basketball skills

I, **Ian Sharbel**, hereby leave to **Baker Swain** my awesome goalie skills, the **Bellet twins** my wrestling shoes and singlet, and **Dr. Marro** a fire extinguisher.

I, **Ben Coode**, leave to **Mason Luplow** my amazing coolness.

I, **Nick Bessette**, leave to **Bryan Oslin** my amazing eighth-grade skills and my beastly hurdles skills.

I, **David Thrailkill**, leave to **David Arteaga** sand from Mrs. Becky's sandbox, a tennis wristband, and my ability to enjoy a bowl of cereal.

I, **Carter Callaway**, leave to **Andrew Cho** and **Zach Chen** the legacy and dominance of Mrs. Qian's MathCounts team.

I, **Bill Shofner**, do leave to **Mr. Brown** my organizational skills so that he will never again lose the Sam Davis essays.

I, **Will Baker**, leave to **Mr. Spiegl** my ability to tell corny jokes and my obvious statements about the weather.

I, **Ryan Shephard**, leave to all **St. Paul alumni** my supreme social, athletic, and academic skills.

I, **Van East**, leave to **Henry Beveridge** my amazing baseball skills.

I, **Max Coyle**, leave to **Mr. Russell** my amazingly awesome argyle sox!

I, **Andrew Powell**, leave to **James Kay** my coveted title of being the most rabid Auburn fan in the Junior School.

I, **Philip Spelman**, leave to **Bryan Oslin** my amazing hurdling skills. I also leave my golf skills to **Baker Swain and Brandon Sauermann.**

I, **Paul Van Pernis**, leave to **Daniel Mace** my incredible skill of doing soccer and math.

I, **Matthew Johnson**, leave to **Austin Doebler** my tenacious golf skills.

I, **Connor Caldwell**, leave to **Zachary Chen** my mathletic abilities.

I, **William Flautt**, leave to **Mr. Caldwell** all of the spring intramural basketball talents and my hope that he will never find out how short one lap really is.

I, **Connor Pagnani**, leave to **Gray Curtis** the eighth grade lacrosse team and the ability to make the opposing team's goalie cry.

I, **Brad Swain**, leave to **Sam Martin**, my awesome 'mural skills and leadership of our beastly 'murals team.

I, **Franklin Gaglione**, leave to **Connor Yakushi** my mad sharpshooter skills.

I, **Rob Barnes**, leave to all the **seventh graders** in Mrs. Christeson's class my ability to stare out the window and pay attention at the same time.

I, **Ethan Vines**, leave to any daring **seventh graders** the ability to hide your cell phones on the Atlanta trip.

I, **Alex Gant**, leave to **Harris Elledge** my incredible strength AND discus-throwing ability. I also leave you my incredible good looks; you need them!

I, **Patrick Meehan**, leave to the **seventh grade** the hope of getting more homework, taking harder classes and harder exams.

I, **Chris Goodrich**, leave to **Mr. Brown and Mr. Woolsey** my walrus-baby.

I, **Harrison Luna**, leave to **Cayce Ortale** my crazy, insane wrestling p'wnage. Use it well.

I, **Alexander Stewart Hunt**, leave to **James Kay** my baseball socks, my coolness, my strength, my good looks, and my locker. I guess you can also have my science book and my ability to throw strikes.

I, **Hayes McCord**, leave to **Cayce Ortale** a stool.

I, **Nick Kohler**, leave to all **seventh graders and all teachers** my incredible C-team soccer skills.

I, **Will Granbery**, leave to **John Elam** the right to enthusiastically greet Mr. Barclay every time he sees him.

I, **Martin Carter**, leave to **Coach Cooper** my abundant playing time on the lacrosse team.

I, **Will Gormley**, leave to **Mrs. Qian** all the chips she ever gave us.

I, **Hunter Wise**, leave to **Mr. McMurray** the great Africa country of Chad.

I, **Cooper Thomas**, leave to **Mr. Brown** Rasputin, the guy who wouldn't die.

I, **Clay McDonald**, leave to **Aidan Davis** my dominating intramurals skills and the power to run to the green wall and back without using an inhaler.

I, **Mark Simpson**, leave to the **Bellets, Eric Owings, Paul Brazil, and Casey Ortale** my awesome ninja wrestling skills and cat-like reflexes.

I, **Robert Brunsting**, leave to **Connor Gawaluck** my amazing charm and ability to get girls.

I, **Lane Bullock**, leave to **Joseph Robinson** leadership of the Junior School Clarksville Gang.

I, **Jimmy Thomas**, leave to **Mr. McMurray** my *Mean Girls* DVD.

I, **Jack Warne**, leave to **Nathan Stinson and Adam Cornett** my swimming skills (even though they are already faster than I am).

I, **Clay Garrett**, leave my art of picking up ladies and my church ball skills to **Joe Scherrer**.

Class of 2011

MOST LIKELY TO. . .

Clay Adams: most likely to buy a fifth back-up lacrosse stick with a value of over $200

Christian Alford: most likely to eat six pizzas in a row without throwing up

Jimmie Anderson: most likely to direct *Scarface 2*

Russ Anderson: most likely to start the ten thousandth Auburn Fan Club

John Baker: most likely to run a 3-minute mile

Paul Baker: most likely to never get a cell phone

Will Baker: most likely to be a Girl Scout troop leader whose troop sells the most cookies ever

Rob Barnes: most likely to create an Ipod that flies

Gage Baxter: most likely to win on "American Idol"

Stephen Bedard: most likely to recite the most consecutive numbers of pie (3.14...)

Nick Bessette: most likely to be wearing flyer paraphernalia

Alex Blanton: most likely to go deaf from listening to Metallica

Robert Brunsting: most likely to beat Omikoshi in a pumpkin pie-eating contest

Lane Bullock: most likely to have his voice crack during the middle of a college presentation

Connor Caldwell: most likely to wear camo to his own wedding

Carter Callaway: most likely to win the Nobel Peace Prize

Martin Carter: most likely to set something on fire

Tyler Cauble: most likely to be in a hardcore rock band

Ben Coode: most likely to sell bling in underground Atlanta

Max Coyle: most likely to serve as protocol advisor to the White House

Ben Crook: most likely to have a Mohawk until he retires

Phillip Danieley: most likely to be the white Dave Chappelle

Shelby DeWeese: most likely to be a WWIII general

Patrick Duffey: most likely to join the circus

Van East: most likely to sing "Take Me Out…" at a Sounds game

Ford Emerson: most likely to be the ultimate "Chubby Bunny Marshmallow-Eating" champion

Hampton Farr: most likely to be struck by lightning the most times without being affected

Cody Fisher: most likely to break all of Tiger Woods' records

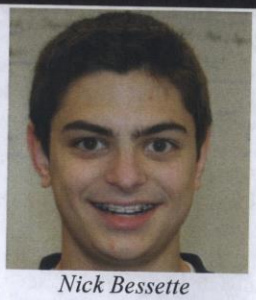
William Flautt: most likely to compose a book of everyone's quotes

Braxton Fralick: most likely to work at a chicken-processing plant

Franklin Gaglione: most likely to get mad when someone criticizes Notre Dame

Alex Gant: most likely to be shipwrecked on an island inhabited by bunnies

John Hugart



Nick Bessette

Clay Garrett: most likely to break something

Marc Giguere: most likely to be the next Godfather

Sam Givens: most likely to play WOW for two straight weeks

Chris Goodrich: most likely to eat a McDonalds Happy Meal at Burger King

Will Gormley: most likely to bet on the Florida Gators when they don't win

Scott Gould: most likely to sell something on Ebay

Will Granbery: most likely to provide the sound effects for an evil laugh in a movie

Andrew Hallahan: most likely to get his head stuck between stair railings

Jack Hallemann: most likely to win the world championship in MathCounts

Miller Higgins: most likely to write his will, but when he dies, no one can read it

Ryan Hill: most likely to chug an energy drink

John Hughart: most likely to swish a three in the NCAA Finals

De'Ante Hughes: most likely to play professional football for the Cowboys

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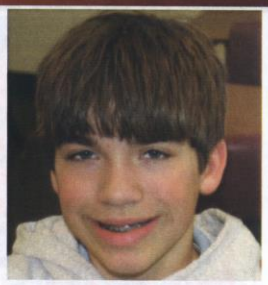

Alex Luna

Alex Hunt: most likely to own the Green Bay Packers.
Matthew Johnson: most likely to join Cody on the PGA tour
Jack Keller: most likely to have his feet amputated and have to wear boots permanently
Nick Kohler: most likely to lead Virgina Tech to a lacrosse championship
Eddie Lang: most likely to be a zamboni driver for the Chicago Backhawks
William Lee: most likely to find a cure for the common cold
Drew Lonergan: most likely to appear on "The David Letterman Show"
Chase Lovelace: most likely to be a towel boy for Olympic swimmers
Andrei Lucaci: most likely to be an astronaut
Alex Luna: most likely to be a character in *Shrek*
Harrison Luna: most likely to replace Aston Kutcher on *Punk'd*
Walton Macey: most likely to be a hobo asking for tickets outside of the Jets' stadium
Tom Markham: most likely to cheat on an Honor Council essay
Harrison Mathews: most likely to be an airplane pilot
Rob McArthur: most likely to run for political office
Will McCaskill: most likely to be a sports analyst
Devin McClain: most likely to play for the Tennessee Vols
Christopher McClure: most likely to turn into Pikachu
Hayes McCord: most likely to be a hermit in the Rockies
Clay McDonald: most likely to climb Mount Everest
Douglas MCWilliams: most likely to be the next Steven Spielberg
Will Means: most likely to be the CEO of Mercedez-Benz
Patrick Meehan: most likely to be a pan handler who fakes being homeless for money
Hayden Morgan: most likely to be the voice of a Rugrat
Evan Newport: most likely to read a billion corny action books with weird covers
Will Norton: most likely to be a professional magician with a hot beauty queen as his wife
Chase Owen: most likely to be the Director of the MBA High School when Mr. Tillman retires
Connor Pagnani: most likely to miss the end of a championship lacrosse game because his butt cap fell off
Chunsoo Park: most likely to be the CEO of Victoria's Secret
Justin Park: most likely to be a rap legend that gets eaten by Eddie Seay
Wilson Parker: most likely to give the opening address at the Democratic National Convention
Andrew Powell: most likely to be the national director of MathCounts
Chase Pruett: most likely to get an art scholarship that pays for his entire college education
Hunter Ratcliffe: most likely to defeat Mike Tyson in a boxing match without losing his ear
Lucas Rappuhn: most likely to be a hand model for Rolex commercials
Joe Riegle: most likely to be a professional football player, curling champion, and professional bowler
Brian Roberson: most likely to have a butterfly named after him
Stan Rozar: most likely to lose an arm-wrestling match to his little sister
Daniel Rundberg: most likely to be Fan of the Game at the Super Bowl because of his killer dancing moves
Eddie Seay: most likely to live with his parents forever
John Sehrt: most likely to defeat John Cena and The Rock in a WWE Wrestling bout
Ian Sharbel: most likely to walk on the moon
Ryan Shepard: most likely to be a door-to-door shoe salesman
Bill Shofner: most likely to be a tour guide at the Lincoln Memorial
Mitchell Shope: most likely to be a jouster at the Renaissance Fair
Zemel Shropshire: most likely to win the championship of the

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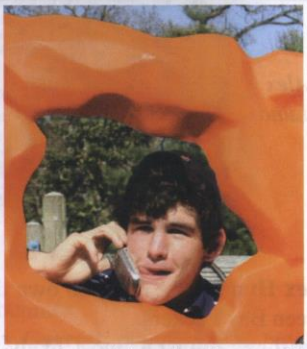
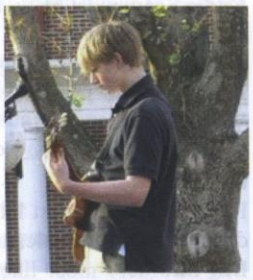
Daniel Rundberg

ON THE HILL

Vintage Tweed, composed of Cooper Thomas and Ryan Hill on guitar, Tyler Cauble on bass, and John Wyse on drums, performed at the Founders Day Talent Show.



Douglas (above) phones his friend Tyler (below): "Meet me at the playground. It'll be just like we are in kindergarten again."



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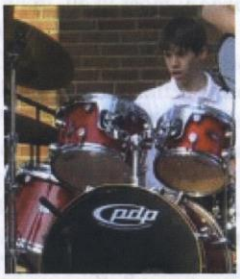
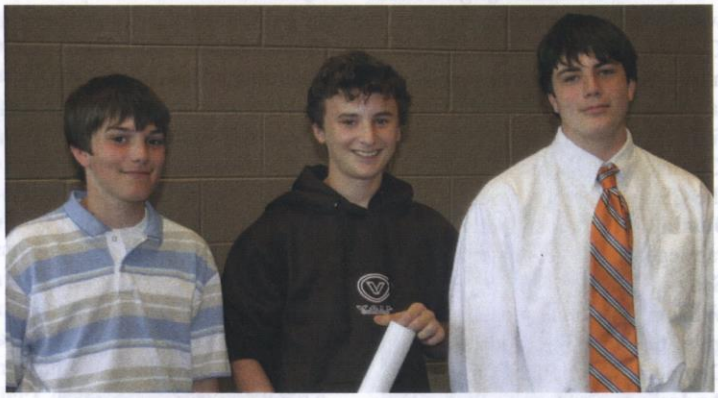
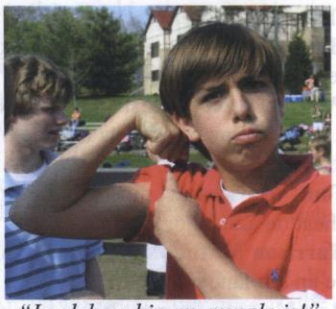


John Wyse



Runners-up Hunter Wise and Miller Higgins congratulate Noah Fardon, the winner of the first annual poetry recitation contest.



"Look how big my muscle is!"

RETIREMENT WISHES

Goodbye, Mrs. Steele

by Andrew Cho

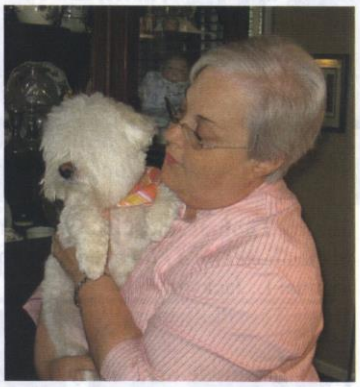
Mrs. Carol Steele has taught Grammar and English in the Junior School at MBA for 21 years and has been many students' most memorable teacher for her "never-boring, witty classes" and her "charismatic study halls." Unfortunately, this school year is Mrs. Steele's last year of teaching. She will be retiring from MBA after this current school year, and I had a chance to interview her and ask her some questions about her retirement.

A.C: How long have you been teaching? How long at MBA?
C.S: I have been teaching for 28 years, and I taught English at MBA for 21 years.

A.C: How does it feel to leave MBA after teaching here for more than 20 years?
C.S: It is kind of scary, but I think it is the right time and the right thing to do. I know for sure that I will miss the Junior School and my classroom a lot, but I'm not sure if I will miss grading papers!

A.C: What have been your greatest rewards as a teacher?
C.S: I feel really rewarded when I just see my students get the material because you know you've done your job, and it gives you a great feeling of satisfaction. It is especially rewarding when someone who has struggled suddenly gets the material like a light bulb going on.

A.C: What are some of your retirement plans?
C.S: One of my retirement plans is to just play with my adorable puppy, Mr. Dog. My husband and I have decided to move to Texas this summer to be near our children. I am planning to do some grandma things that I really didn't have time to do before. I am also planning to do some reading and volunteer work, but most importantly, I want to take things easy and just relax.



Mrs. Steele and Mr. Dog share a private conversation.

A.C: Would you tell me about your best experiences at MBA?
C.S: My best experience at MBA was just being able to work and teach with all the faculty and teachers at MBA, especially the English Department, who are always helpful and make it a great cooperative atmosphere. I feel blessed to have known Mrs. June Bowen and Mrs. Mary Helen Lowrey. They were great role models. I have also been fortunate to have worked with my brother, Dr. Ed Gaffney. In addition, working at MBA has afforded me the opportunity to study abroad with the OxBridge program. Definitely teaching the caliber of students we have is an advantage.

A.C: Teachers at the Junior School keep telling us that the time in the JS is critical and crucial for our development as a gentleman, scholar, and athlete. What advice would you give to the JS students as you leave?
C.S: First, I really want to remind the students the importance of being a gentleman. I really want the students to keep in mind the order of MBA's motto and remember that manners take you everywhere. I also want to remind the students that you should not always compare yourself to someone else. In other words, although what you have accomplished may not be the top, you should be proud of your work. As the poem "The Guy in the Glass" says, if you look in the mirror and are pleased with who you are, then you have done a good job. I would also stress the importance of finding your passion. It is great to feel good about going to work each day if you love what you do.

A.C: How does it feel to be a grandma? Do you want your

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Mrs. Steele, cont.

grandchild to attend MBA?

C.S: I just LOVE being a Nana more than anything else in the world. It is just lovely to see the babies. I would love for my grandson to attend MBA, but I don't think he will be able to do so because he lives in another state. However, I certainly want him to attend a school like MBA that emphasizes that value of being a gentleman, scholar, and athlete and provides great education.

A.S: As an English teacher, what do you think is the most important ability we should develop in English at the Junior School?

C.S: I think it is crucial that one develops a firm grounding in grammar. In addition, I want to emphasize the importance of reading. Remember that reading affects what you can do. If you can read, you can always get the information / answers you need. Plus, reading a good book is a real pleasure.

A.S: You have also proctored study hall. How would you describe your experience proctoring study halls? What do you think is the most effective way to spend study halls?

C.S: I would have to say that my experience proctoring the study hall was very memorable. However, I think the students could spend the study hall a little more effectively by knowing before hand what they need to accomplish, and by having their books, notes, and other materials to do their work.

A.S: As a child, what was your dream? What do you think you would have been if you had not become an English teacher at MBA?

C.S: When I was little, I always dreamed of being a nurse or working with animals. If I had not been a teacher at MBA, I probably would have worked with animals and have done programs at the zoo.

As I finished interviewing Mrs. Steele, I was positive that she is going to miss MBA a lot. Yet, what I was more certain of is that the students and the faculty at MBA are going to miss her more.

A final note: Mrs. Steele, we hope to see you at some of our sports contests and special events like the Spaghetti Supper and the carnival next year, and we will miss you greatly!!

Most Likely, cont.

Handwriting Association of America

Mark Simpson: most likely to teach and coach at MBA

Cedric Smith: most likely to become the "Dancing with the Stars" champion

Douglas Smith: most likely to host his own cooking show

Warren Smith: most likely to make the winning shot for UNC in the National Championship

Hayden Snyder: most likely to carry $500 in his pocket at all times

Philip Spelman: most likely to be a Jedi Knight who gets owned by Darth Vadar

Brad Swain: most likely to lead the way for little Baker Swain

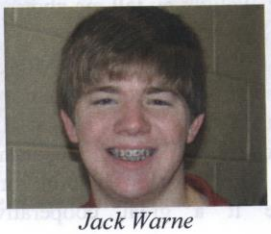
Cooper Thomas: most likely to set the record for world's longest guitar solo

Jimmy Thomas: most likely to star in the *Snakes on a Plane* sequel with Samuel L. Jackson

Davis Thrailkill: most likely to win big on "Let's Make a Deal"

Nathan Tinnell: most likely to buy a $200,000 G.I Joe action figure online for ten bucks

Paul Van Pernis: most likely to lead his chess team to the championship



Jack Warne

on ESPN

Ethan Vines: most likely to hitch a ride instead of buying his own car

Jack Warne: most likely to be an O'Charley's spokesperson

Jarvis Werkhaven: most likely to swim across the Caribbean

Max Werthan: most likely to be President of Bank of America

Hunter Wise: most likely to start a collectors' show for Beanie Babies

Aubrey Witherington: most likely to be the next Jack Bauer in "24"

Bradley Worthington: most likely to forget his homework on purpose

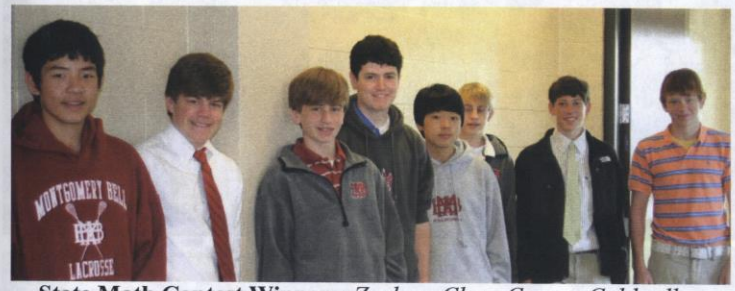
Andrew Wright: most likely to photograph an actual UFO

John Wyse: most likely to be a drummer for an ACDC tribute band

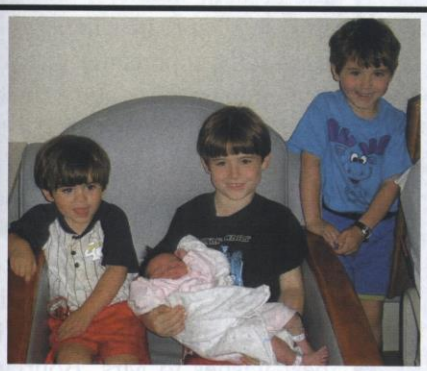
Jackson Zeitlin: most likely to be a Suduku master

CONGRATS!

The mighty Microbes celebrate winning Latin medals.



State Math Contest Winners: *Zachery Chen, Connor Caldwell, Andrew Powell, Carter Callaway, Andrew Cho, Stephen Bedard, Van East, Mitchell Shope*



Mac, Jamison, and Eric Russ are pretty proud to have a new sister, Mary Helen.

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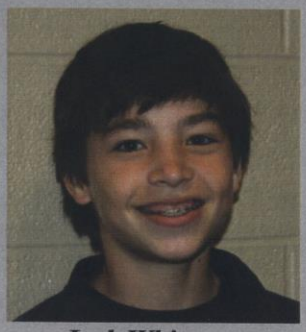

Jack Whitson

Andrew Powell

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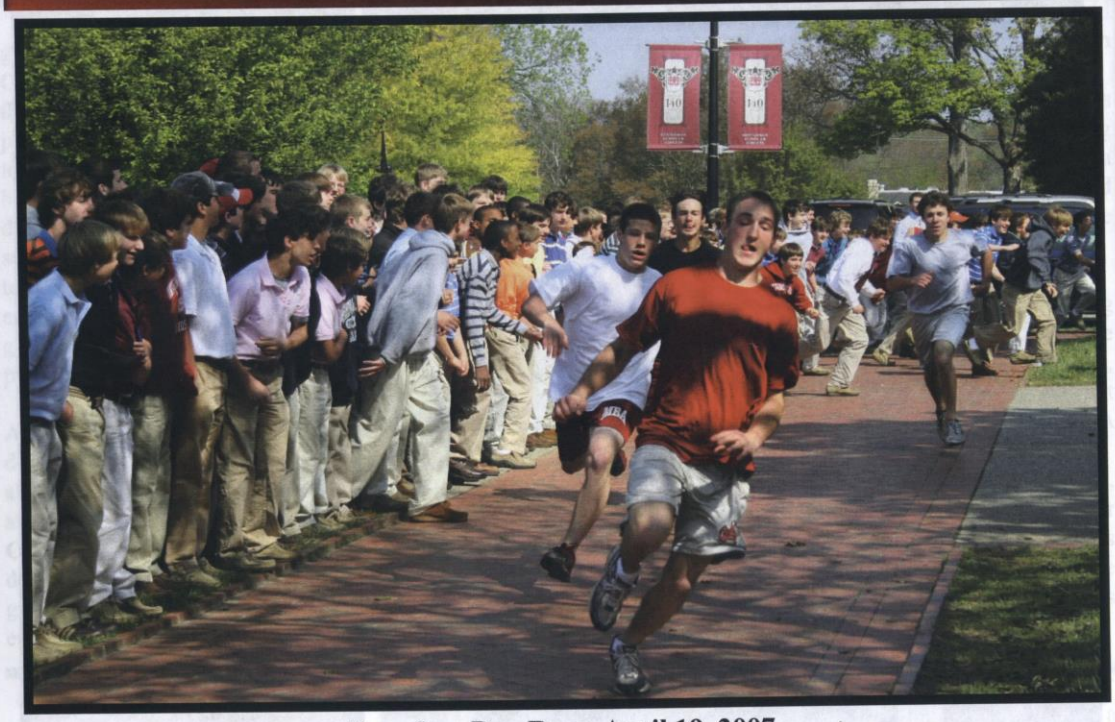
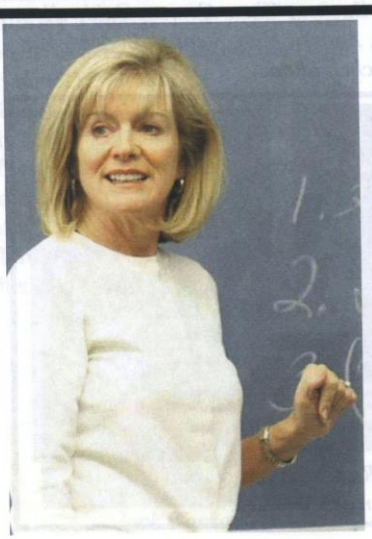


Founders Day Race, April 19, 2007

Thank you, Mrs. Bourland

Mrs. Libby Bourland began teaching seventh grade English at MBA in 1994. Besides being a conscientious, caring, beloved teacher, Mrs. Bourland also initiated the two Junior School publications: *Top of the Hill*, the school newspaper, and *The Buckeye*, the student literary magazine. Students and teachers alike especially appreciated her wit, encouragement, and gentle demeanor. Because of health issues, Mrs. Bourland found herself retiring earlier than she had planned. MBA is a better place for her years of dedicated service. The entire MBA community extends its best wishes to Mrs. Bourland and her family.



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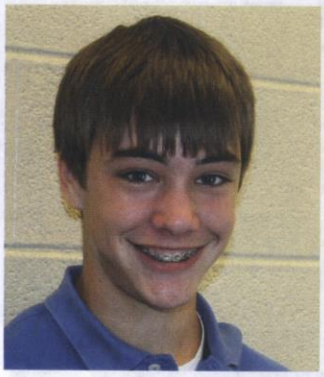


Eighth-grader Russell Anderson is a member of the varsity tennis team. He and his partner, Jim Shaub, won the region doubles championship. Congratulations, Russell!

A Walk Down Memory Lane

by Gage Baxter

Yes, it's true, the last *Top of the Hill* issue of the 2006-2007 school year. Also, the Class of 2011's time in the Junior School is coming to an end. I have so many memories: being in the Junior School plays, singing in the rock band, swimming. All of these were a ton of fun! My favorite memory of my two years in the Junior School would have to be Camp Laney. The high ropes course was exciting, and it was great meeting so many new friends! Dodgeball at Camp Laney was also the best. Another memory that is still clear in my mind would be Stan Rozar's "spazzing out" before Mrs. Steele gave him demerits.

Here are some more memories from the Class of 2011:

John Sehrt: My favorite memory is demerit hall.

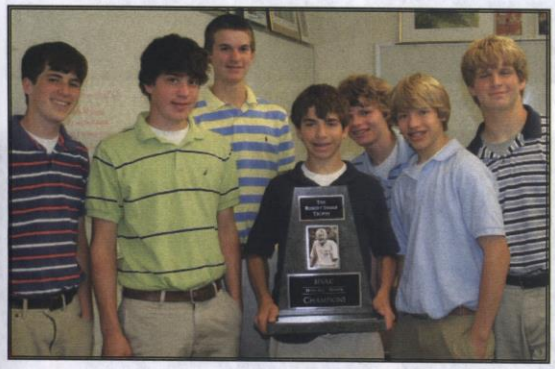
Will Norton: My favorite school experience in the Junior School occurred on the 8th grade trip. Riding down with Mr. Thurmond in Eddie's van is the best memory I have.

Jack Keller: In seventh grade, Dr. Marro would let us play computer games before school (he would play with us and challenge us to Lingo) and would occasionally do fire shows.

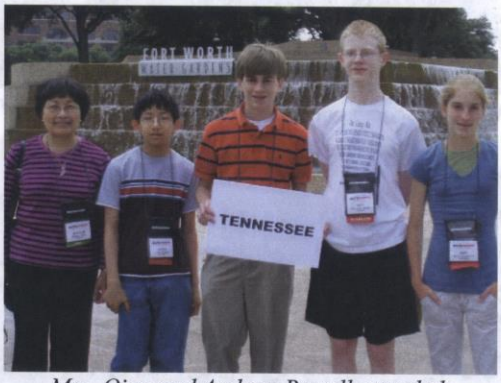
Ben Crook: Scott Gould losing his phone two straight weeks.

Ian Sharbel: My favorite memory of the Junior school was winning our first HVAC Championship in LAX.

Mitchell Shope: Most definitely the play, *The Sword in the Stone*.



For the third consecutive year, MBA has been awarded the Robert Inman Trophy. This honor recognizes the HVAC Boys All-Sports Champions! Congratulations to all athletes in the Junior School.



Mrs. Qian and Andrew Powell attended the National MathCounts Competition in Dallas. Andrew, along with the other members of the Tennessee team, finished 21st in the nation. Congratulations to Andrew and Mrs. Qian.

Grandparents Day

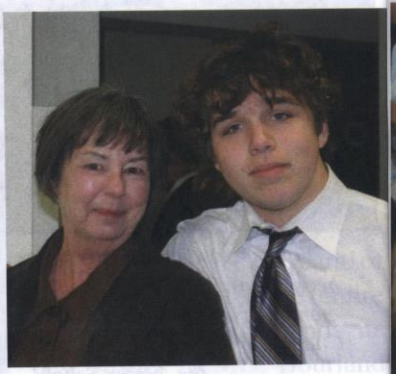
Will McCaskill and Mimi Smith

Barton Davies, Betty and Ed Davies

Mary Lipscomb and Warren Lipscomb

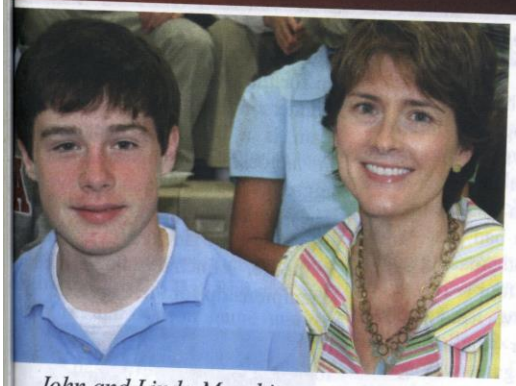
Ann Whitson, Braxton Fralick, Elsie and Gordon Fralick

Joe Riegle, Bitsy Riegle, Andrea Pillow, Cedric Smith, and Henry Pillow



Marilyn McDaniel and Alex Gant

Mother-Son Breakfast



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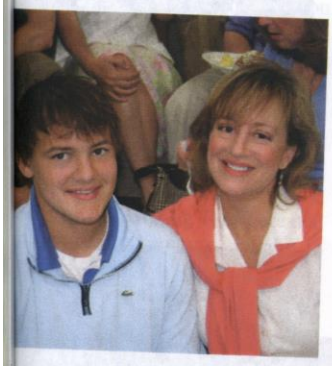

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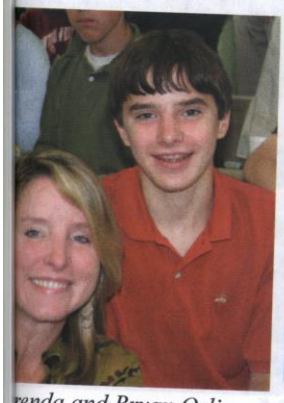

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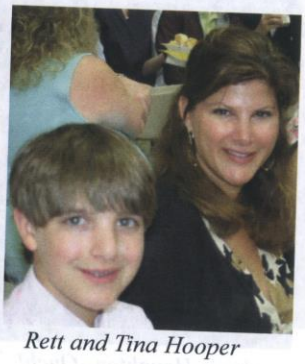


Rett and Tina Hooper

LACROSSE

7th Grade LAX Domination

by Joe Barry and Vaughn Hunt

The seventh grade lacrosse team had a great season. After recovering from losing their first game to Woodland, the Big Red went on to win the Nicholas Caroland Tournament, dominating Hendersonville and Harding to claim the trophy. The Big Red continued their streak against the Franklin Knights club team before they lost their next two games to the Atlanta Roosters and Woodland (again). Then MBA got a break and played Ensworth and Grassland. NO COMPETITION!!! The Big Red dominated Ensworth 10-7, despite the Tigers being the first to score. Gray Curtis gave a nice "Hello" to his old school by scoring four goals, three in a matter of minutes. Against Grassland, MBA scored 19 goals to Grassland's 3. This game included many goals off the face-off by Gray Curtis and Gabe Sharlin and many hits by our whole team!

However, it hasn't all been easy for the Big Red. We were in a very tough game against the USN Tigers. Coach Ardisson cherished this victory, for this was the first year he beat USN in his three years of coaching seventh Grade Lax. The final score was 9-5, and a big part of that came from Robert Hoover, who had four goals in this game. One goal he claims was a bad pass--a bad pass that turned into an amazing goal.

Augie Houghton--Ouch!

Following four days of extreme practicing, we headed down to Chattanooga for the McCallie tournament. Our first game was against OLPH. The game against OLPH wasn't our hardest game. We killed them 11 to 4. Our next game was probably the most intense game we have ever seen. The Lastiter B team put up a good fight. We beat them 7 to 4. MBA's last game was against MaCallie. We underestimated MaCallie at first, and soon they were out two goals on us, but we came back and won by two points. This was Coach Ardisson's first time to bring home the McCallie Tournament " trophy." (There wasn't really a trophy.) This was a big win for the team.

Sweet Victory!

The last tournament of the MBA seventh grade lax season was the Middle Tennessee Lacrosse Tournament. Every year MBA wins the B division lax tournament, and we were hoping that we would win it again. After dominating Grassland and Ensworth, we were all pumped up for the championship game against Hendersonville. The Hendersonville team is a bunch of hockey players in lacrosse uniforms and the most aggressive team we have ever seen. They were hitting and pushing like crazy, but we sucked it up and took it home, clinching the division B championship for the Big Red.

Jack Whitson

Zach Attack!

Double Trouble: Henry & Clay

LACROSSE

acrosse: A Championship Season

Jack Keller

The eighth grade lacrosse team an excellent year. The team won of its games; one exception was st the Atlanta Roosters, who had very good players that led their to victory. The Big Red also had gh regular season game against orth, winning by only one goal. team had anticipated a victory of st six goals!

One highlight of the season waking up 4:00 am and going to allie. The team came in third at McCallie tournament after losing assiter. Unfortunately, at the ament, Lucas Rappuhn and Nick er both injured their shoulders. A d highlight occurred on the eighth trip when the Big Red defeated tt in the last minute, thanks to son Luna's game-tying goal and Adam's game-winning goal.

In the Middle Tennessee Championship, the Big Red dominated every team it played, winning by at least seven goals. In the championship game, the Microbes defeated Ensworth 9-1.

Congratulations to Connor Pagnani for scoring an average of two to three goals every game and occasionally six. Clay Adams, Hayes McCord, and Douglas McWilliams served as captains. Special thanks to Coach Cooper and Coach Marro for their leadership throughout the year.

Douglas McWilliams

Lucas Rappuhn against Lovett

Middle Tennessee Champions

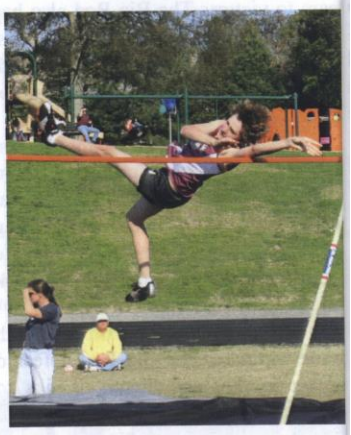
TRACK & FIELD

Microbe Track: Second in HVAC-AA Championship Meet

by Coach Emmett Russell

The 2007 Microbe Track and Field team completed a 4-0 regular season and scored 152 points in a second-place finish to Brentwood Academy in the HVAC-AA Track and Field Championships. After a two-day battle of jumps, throws, sprints, and runs, the Big Red Microbes brushed two school records in the 110M hurdles and the 1600M run, and broke a ten-year record in the 4 x 100M relay. Eighth graders De'Ante Hughes, Nick Bessette, Cedric Smith, and Chris Goodrich passed the *baton rouge* in 47.67 seconds, clipping the previous record by 0.3 of a second and placing second in the meet. Finishing second in the HVAC, Ryan Hill came within 1.46 seconds of the 1600M record of 4:53, and seventh grader Bryan Oslin skimmed the hurdles in 17.06 seconds, 0.26 off the Microbe record, in a third place finish. MBA's 4 x 800M relay team, composed of David Arteaga, Noah Fardon, Daniel Mace, and Max Coyle placed first in the meet and outpaced the second place finisher by more than 10 seconds. In the sprint relays, the 4 x 200M team (Franks, Oslin, C.Smith, Bessette) finished 2nd and the 4 x 400M team (Oslin, Close, Luna, Crook) set a season record in 4:02.6 seconds. With lightening quickness, Tyler Franks was first to the finish-line in the 100M dash in 11.92. Vaulting into a tie for second place, Cedric Smith and newcomer Cooper Thomas cleared 9'0".

Other highlights included examples of great leadership and determination by eighth graders Chase Owen, Chris Goodrich, Ben Crook, and John Baker. Despite painful injuries a week earlier, Chase and Ben faced 400 meters of track at full sprint. Chase ran 58.12, and Ben (59.3) anchored the second place 4 x 400M relay for the second year in a row. Goodrich, fresh from his hiatus for the school play, regained much of last year's speed in the 400M and finished 2nd in the meet. John Baker personified the versatility of the team by throwing the shot (6th) and the discus (2nd) and by running the 1600M (5th) and the 800M (4th). Congratulations to the entire team for their dedication and perseverance.



Philip Spelman

Chase Owen

Cedric Smith

Nathaniel Greene

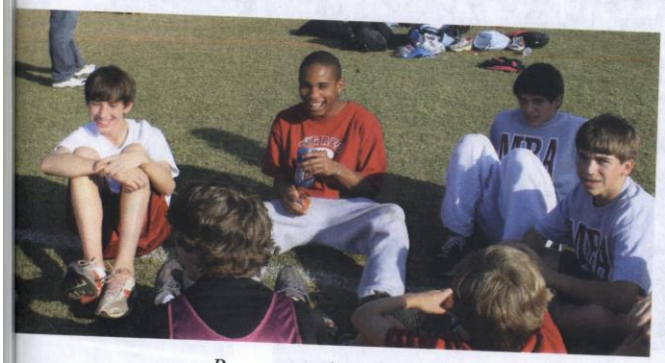
TRACK & FIELD

Tyler Franks to Bryan Oslin

Cooper Thomas

Ryland Close

Coach Houston and Daniel Bellet



Pre-meet relaxation

Coach Russell

TENNIS

Glass Slipper Fits Perfectly for Tennis Team

by Davis Thrailkill

Over the past five years of Coach Sean Kinch's role as head coach, the Microbe tennis teams have been defeated in the HVAC, coming in second place each year. For the past two years, Woodland Middle and Brentwood Academy have been victorious. This year, however, the glass slipper fit, and the team brought home the first-place trophy.

During the regular season, the team won an outstanding five of six division matches, with the only loss to defending champion Brentwood Academy. The team also visited powerhouse McCallie during the season, conquering that team 5-4 for the second consecutive time. Lone Oak School from Kentucky played the squad as well, and of course, the Microbes dominated.

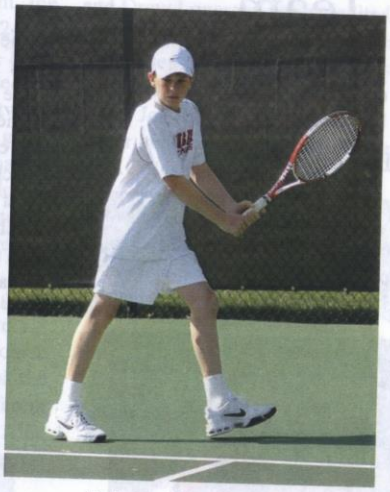
At the HVAC tournament, MBA came in as underdogs to Brentwood Academy. However, the team clinched a top seed in both #3 singles and #1 doubles. The Big Red stepped up to the challenge and got points at every position, with three of five bracket wins. Seventh-graders Palmer Campbell and Conner Gawaluck, at #1 and #2 singles, each got the team one point. Davis Thrailkill won the #3 singles bracket, adding three points to the team's score. The dominating duo of eighth-grader Chase Pruett and seventh-grader Greylon Gawaluck also won their draw, leaving it up eighth-graders Robert Brunsting and Will Lee at #2 doubles. They beat BA in their finals, clinching the trophy. The triumphant team asked Coach Kinch for his response to the HVAC win, and he simply replied, "Stunned."

HVAC CHAMPIONS

TENNIS

Davis Thrailkill

Connor Gawaluck



Palmer Campbell

Andrew Hallahan

Robert Brunsting

Chase Pruett

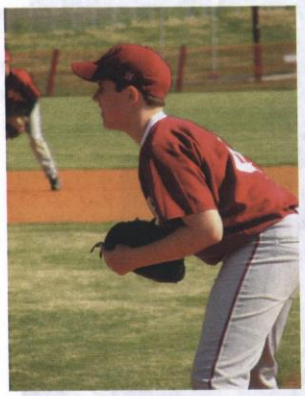
BASEBALL

B-Team Baseball

by Henry Beveridge

The seventh and eighth baseball B-Team had a successful season. Despite getting off to a slow start losing to Grassland Middle School, Harding Academy, and Woodland Middle School, the team really got their act together, winning nine straight games led by outstanding pitching by Jack Beckner, Christopher Norman, Rhett Hooper, and Holt Ackers- Campbell. In addition to strong performances on the mound, the hitting was led by team eighth-graders Bill Shofner and Connor Caldwell. Season highlights include beating CPA 19-1 and "The Shoffie stretch." The team had outstanding talent in both the infield and the outfield. Other noteable players included Joseph Whelan, Barton Davies, Matthew Davidson, Henry Beveridge, Warren Lipscomb, Clay Sullivan, Ross Martin, and Will Narramore.

Each player helped contribute to the team in some way. Team thanks goes to Coach McFadden and Coach Pride for never being afraid to point out a "mental error" or to tell us, "You are not concentrating." Coach Pride and Coach McFadden along with Coach Frost and Coach Pierce (A-Team coaches) helped us improve on the field both mentally and physically. The team had a great year with a record of 10-3.



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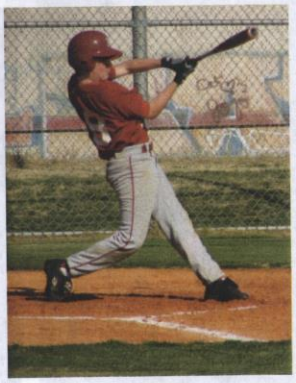
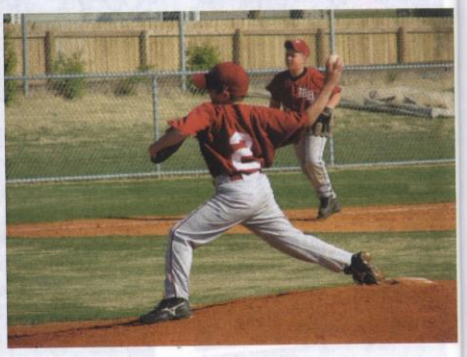


Bill. . .Touch 'em all?

Coach Pride and the team celebrate a great season!

Barton--What time is it?



Holt--Bringing the heat!

BASEBALL

A-Team Excitement

by Paul Baker and Coach John Frost

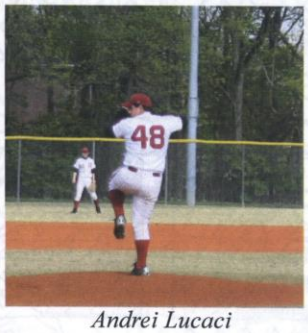
The A-Team completed its season with a 6-5 regular season record, 4-2 in their HVAC division. The most exciting regular season game was against Grassland Middle School. The Big Red lost its early lead but came back in the seventh inning to tie the game. Joe Riegle hit a homerun in the eighth inning to seal the win, his second homerun of the game.

In the HVAC tournament, the team again defeated Grassland 2-1 in the first round. However, the A-Team suffered a tough loss in the second tournament game against Brentwood Academy. The game was tied 1-1 going into the seventh inning. Unfortunately, a lead-off double by BA was followed by a throwing error on a steal attempt at third, allowing the winning run to score.

The season ended one game too early for MBA's fifteen players – the HVAC semi-finals. Over the course of the season, 11 of 15 players took the mound at some point. Six different pitchers, Joe Riegle, Paul Baker, Alex Kohls, Hayden Morgan, Andrei Lucaci, and Drew Lonergan were credited with HVAC victories. Offensive leaders for the season were Riegle, Kohls, and Zemel Shropshire, who each hit over .310. Joe Riegle, Alex Hunt, and Paul Baker represented the Big Red at the HVAC Baseball All-Star game.

Hayden Morgan

Aubrey Witherington



Andrei Lucaci

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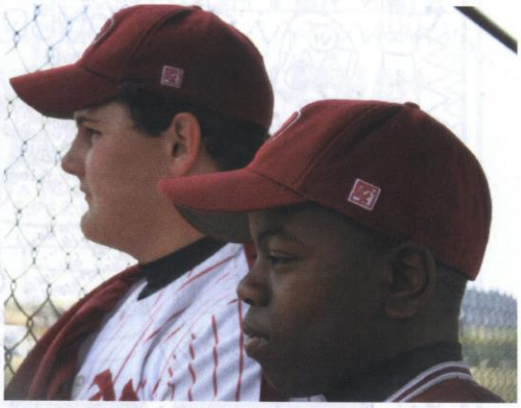
Alex Hunt



Andrei and Zemel

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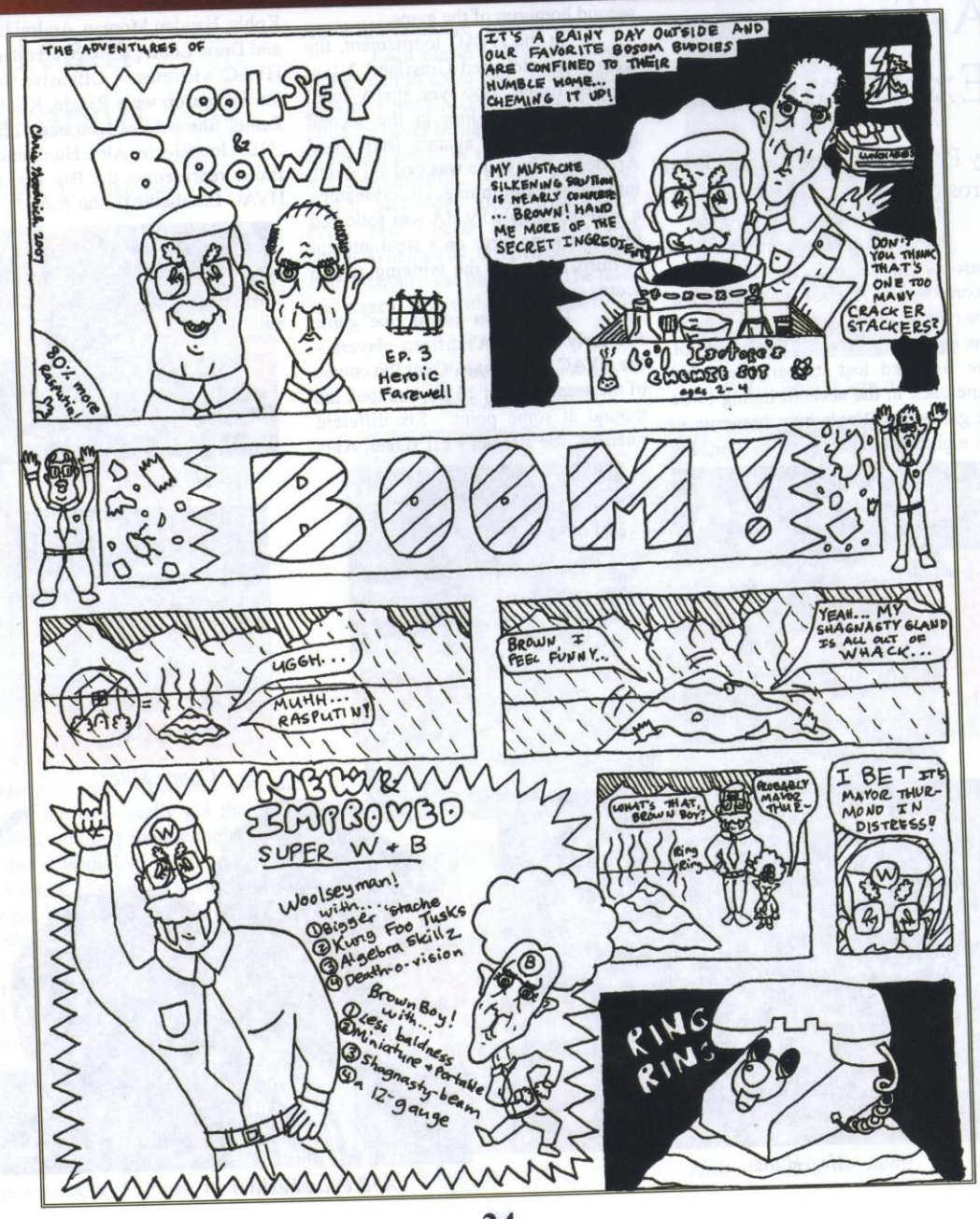
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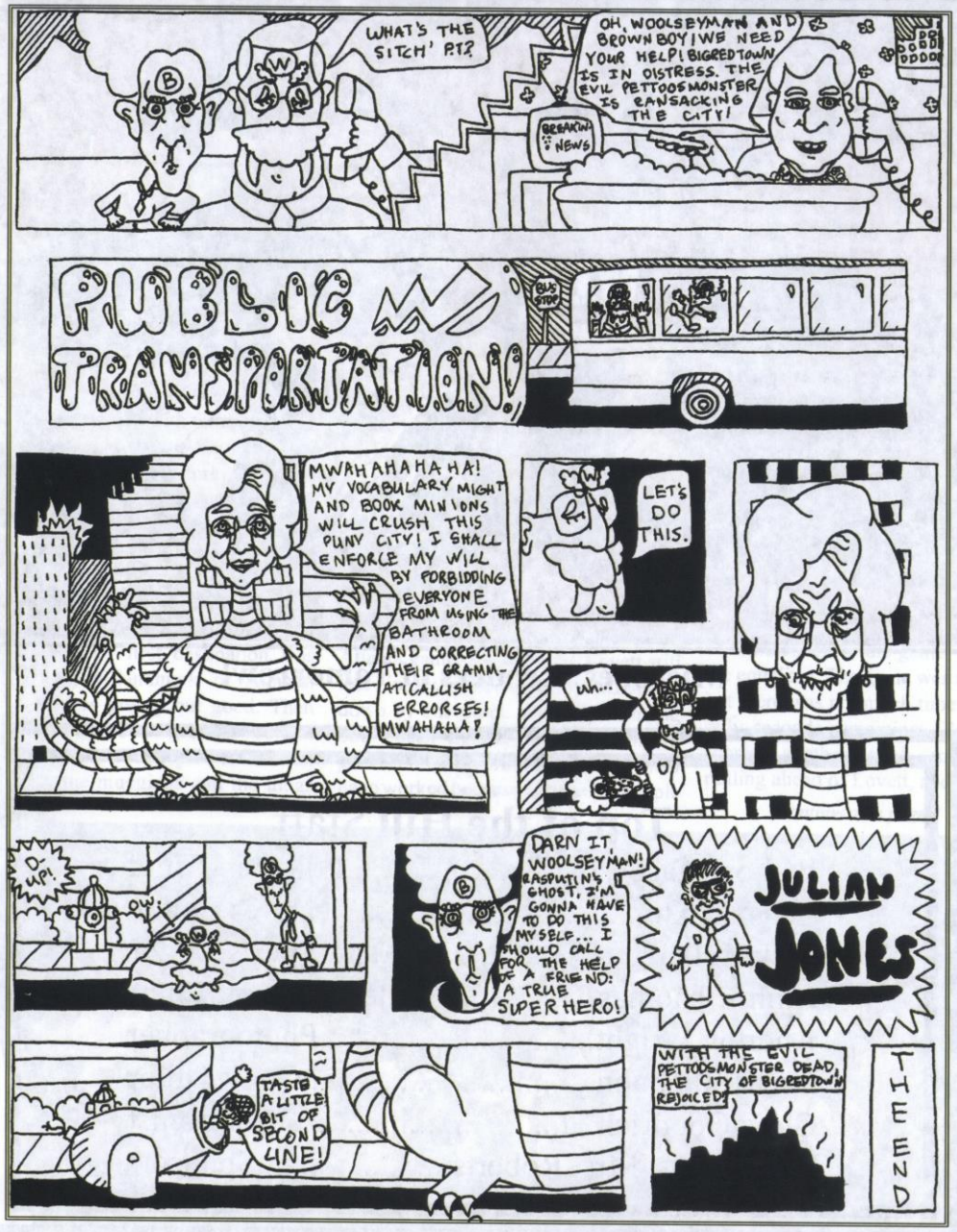
Heroic Farewell
IT'S A RAINY DAY OUTSIDE AND OUR FAVORITE BOSOM BUDDIES ARE CONFINED TO THEIR HUMBLE HOME... CHEMING IT UP!
MY MUSTACHE SILKENING SOLUTION IS NEARLY COMPLETE ... BROWN! HAND ME MORE OF THE SECRET INGREDIENT!
UMMMM!
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S ONE TOO MANY CRACKER STACKERS?
Lil' Professor CHEMIST SET
ages 2-4
BOOM!
UGGH...
MUHH... RASPUTIN!
BROWN, I FEEL FUNNY..
YEAH... MY SHAGNASTY GLAND IS ALL OUT OF WHACK...
NEW & IMPROVED
SUPER W + B
Woolseyman! with...
1 Bigger 'stache
2 Kung Foo Tusks
3 Algebra skillz
4 Death-o-vision
Brown Boy! with...
1 Less baldness
2 Miniature + portable
3 Shagnasty-beam
4 a 12-gauge
WHAT'S THAT, BROWN BOY?
PROBABLY MAYOR THURE-
Ring Ring
I BET IT'S MAYOR THURMOND IN DISTRESS!
RING RING

THE FINAL CHAPTER


WHAT'S THE SITCH' P.T?
OH, WOOLSEYMAN AND BROWN BOY! WE NEED YOUR HELP! BIGREDTOWN IS IN DISTRESS. THE EVIL PETTOOS MONSTER IS RANSACKING THE CITY!
BREAKIN' NEWS
PUBLIC W/ TRANSPARTATION!
BUS STOP
MWAHAHAHAHA! MY VOCABULARY MIGHT AND BOOK MINIONS WILL CRUSH THIS PUNY CITY! I SHALL ENFORCE MY WILL BY FORBIDDING EVERYONE FROM USING THE BATHROOM AND CORRECTING THEIR GRAMM-ATICALLISH ERRORSES! MWAHAHA!
LET'S DO THIS.
uh...
OUCH!
OW
DARN IT, WOOLSEYMAN! RASPUTIN'S GHOST, I'M GONNA HAVE TO DO THIS MYSELF... I SHOULD CALL FOR THE HELP OF A FRIEND: A TRUE SUPERHERO!
JULIAN JONES
TASTE A LITTLE BIT OF SECOND UNE!
WITH THE EVIL PETTOOS MONSTER DEAD, THE CITY OF BIGREDTOWN REJOICED
THE END

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